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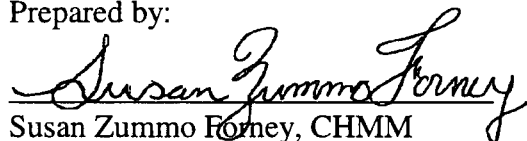


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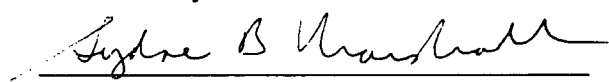
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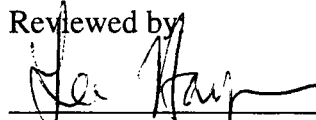
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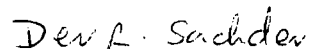
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)<sup>1</sup> is conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site (the "site"). The site is located at Hamilton Industrial Park in the Borough of South Plainfield in Middlesex County, New Jersey. The environmental work, which began in May 2000, is being conducted within EPA's **Superfund** Program, which provides funding for investigating and cleaning up **hazardous waste** sites across the United States. The Superfund Program has an established framework for conducting community relations programs during investigation and cleanup actions. This **Community Relations Plan** (CRP) will serve as a guide for community relations activities during the RI/FS.

### 1.1 Objectives of the Community Relations Program

This CRP describes the methods EPA will use to: (1) keep the community informed of progress in the environmental investigation and cleanup at the site, and (2) allow for two-way communication between EPA and the public.

A key function of the community relations program is to provide avenues for public participation in the decision-making process. At key points during the cleanup process, the public will be given the opportunity to voice opinions or concerns about the proposed **remedial** (cleanup) alternatives. The community's viewpoints will be taken into consideration before any final decisions about remedial activities are made.

This CRP is based on interviews conducted with local public officials, residents and members of environmental interest groups in April 2000 (see Appendix C). The community relations activities outlined in this CRP were developed as a result of the concerns and information needs identified during those discussions. If the community's concerns or information needs change during the course of the environmental work, the community relations program can be modified to better reflect changing community views.

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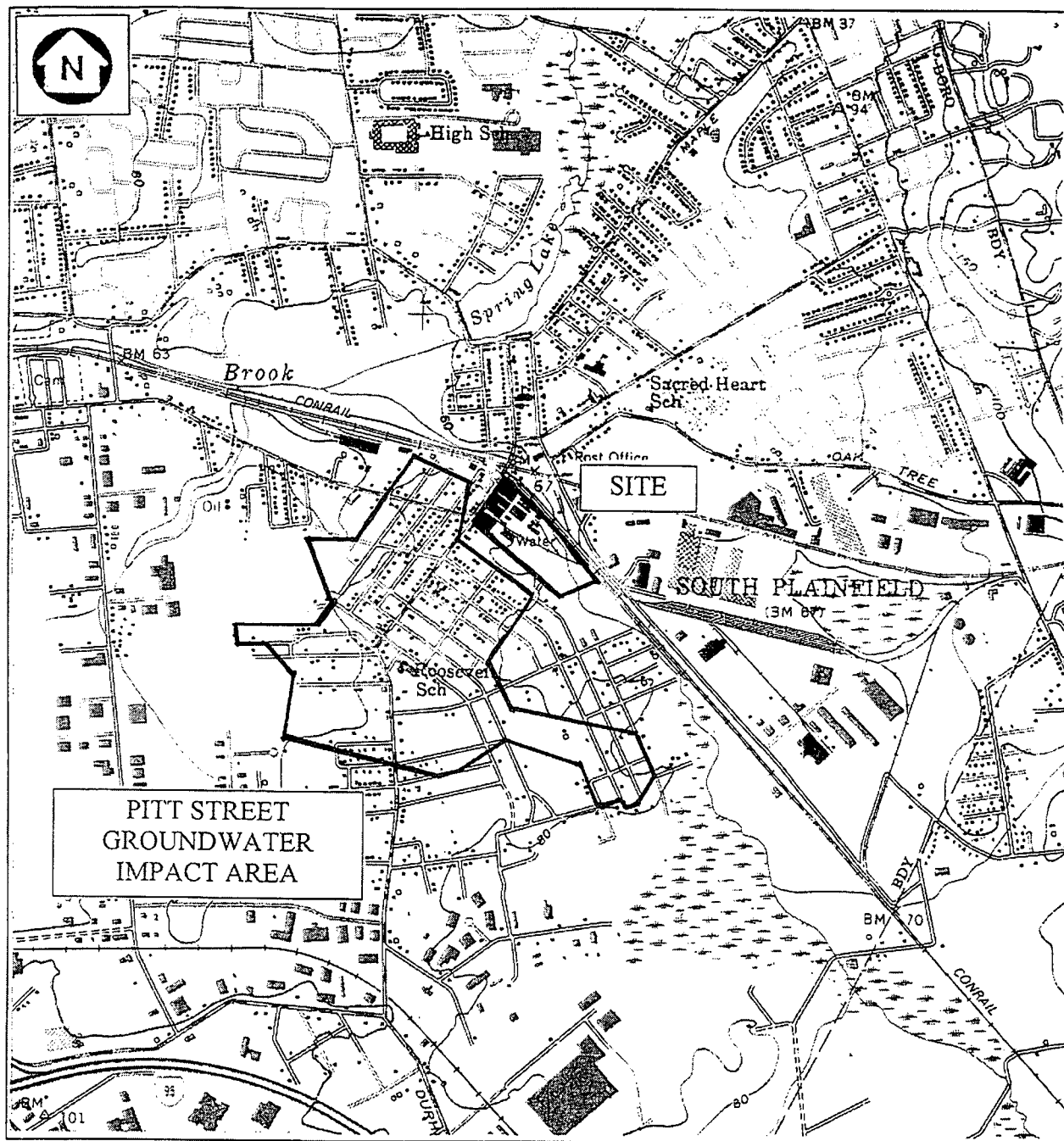
<sup>1</sup> See Appendix A for a list of acronyms and abbreviations used in this document. See Appendix B for a glossary that defines technical terms that appear in **boldface** in the text.

According to Superfund regulations, a CRP must be prepared and be based on the results of community interviews. The plan provides a record of community concerns at the outset of the cleanup process and outlines how EPA will keep the community informed about the site. In addition, **information repositories** for a site must be set up at locations convenient to the community, such as at libraries and town halls. The repositories contain documents and information related to the site's remediation program. An **Administrative Record** containing all documents and correspondence that have a bearing on the decision-making process must be maintained and available for public review.

Following EPA's environmental investigation (called a **Remedial Investigation or RI**) and analysis of possible cleanup alternatives (called a **Feasibility Study or FS**), EPA issues a **Proposed Plan**, which provides a brief summary of the results of the RI/FS and the proposed cleanup program. Superfund regulations require that the public be given opportunities to comment on the cleanup proposed for a Superfund site. A public notice is published in one or more area newspapers to let people know that the documents related to the cleanup proposal are available for review and comment. All of these documents are made available to the public at the information repositories.

A 30-day (minimum) **comment period** begins when the Proposed Plan is released. During the comment period, members of the public may send written comments to the contact person(s) identified in the public notice. In addition, EPA holds a public meeting to take oral and written comments and to answer questions from the community about the proposed remedy.

After the close of the comment period, EPA must take the public's comments into consideration in making a final decision about the cleanup proposal. The record of the public's comments and the agency's responses to those comments is contained in a document called a **Responsiveness Summary**. The summary becomes part of the final decision document, known as the **Record of Decision (ROD)**. The ROD is then signed by EPA's Regional Administrator and placed in the information repositories for public review. The selected alternative is then implemented. Following completion and signing of the ROD, Superfund requires that the CRP be re-evaluated and, if necessary, updated to reflect any significant changes in the public's interest or concern about the site.



**Figure 1**  
**Site Location Map**

## 2.2 Site History

Cornell-Dubilier manufactured electronic components at the site from 1936 through 1962. PCBs and chlorinated organic degreasing solvents were used in the manufacturing process. It has been alleged that during Cornell-Dubilier's period of operation, the company disposed of PCB-contaminated materials and other hazardous substances at the site. Various assessments conducted at the facility since 1985 have documented the presence of PCBs in soils and sediments within and around the property, including residential yards in the surrounding community. PCBs also have been found on interior surfaces of both on-site buildings and nearby off-site residences. In addition to PCB detections in surrounding properties, principally the residential area southwest of the site, other off-site impacts from PCBs include contamination of sediments within Bound Brook and downstream locations, including New Market Pond. PCBs were detected in the tissue of fish collected from both the site and downstream locations at concentrations considered to be a human health concern. As a result, a fish consumption advisory and a "catch-and-release" policy were issued for recreational fishing in the area.

Based on information collected during the initial assessments, EPA conducted removal actions at the site and certain residential properties to stabilize conditions. In 1997, EPA required the current site owner of Hamilton Industrial Park to pave facility driveways and parking areas, install security fencing and warning signs to limit access to the site, and install silt fencing to limit off-site migration of surface soils. In 1998, EPA initiated a removal action to clean the interiors of homes where PCBs were found in indoor dust at levels that pose a potential health concern. In addition, Cornell-Dubilier Electronics and the current site owner, D.S.C. of Newark Enterprises, conducted a removal action for the removal and disposal of contaminated soil from certain residential properties.

A chronological summary of prior assessments and actions is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1 (Sheet 2 of 2)**  
**Key Assessments and Actions Through May 2000**  
**Cornell-Dubilier Superfund Site**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
November 1997 April 1998 October 1998 November 1998	<u>Sampling of Dust Inside Adjacent Homes</u> EPA collected interior dust samples at residential properties adjacent to the site, beginning with properties closest to the site.
March 1998	<u>Removal Action to Clean Home Interiors</u> EPA initiated a removal action to clean the interiors of homes where PCBs were found in indoor dust at levels of potential health concern.
August 1998	<u>Removal Action to Remove Contaminated Soil from Residential Properties</u> Cornell-Dubilier Electronics and D.S.C. entered into an Administrative Consent Order to remove and dispose of contaminated soil from residential properties.
October 1998	<u>Sampling of Properties of Adjacent Businesses</u> EPA sampled wipe samples in buildings of businesses located adjacent to the site. Samples were collected from the exterior of some commercial properties where soil was present.
March 1999	<u>Removal Action to Remove Contaminated Soil from Additional Residential Properties</u> EPA ordered Cornell-Dubilier and D.S.C. to conduct a soil removal action at seven additional residential properties.
April 1999	<u>Sediment Sampling by NJDEP</u> NJDEP conducted sediment sampling in Spring Lake and along Cedar Brook from Plainfield High School to the lake and along a feeder stream from Maple Avenue to Cedar Brook.
June 1999 and July 1999	<u>Preliminary Assessment of Site Groundwater - Environ Corporation</u> Independent contractors working on behalf of D.S.C. conducted a preliminary assessment of site groundwater. The limited study indicated the presence of PCBs and VOCs (the solvent TCE and its breakdown products).
April 2000	<u>Public Health Assessment Released</u> The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services released a public health assessment for the site. The public comment period for the document was April 17 through May 17.
April 2000	<u>Community Interviews</u> Local officials, community residents and environmental interest groups were interviewed regarding their concerns and expectations for communication by EPA and involvement in future activities. Information gathered from the interviews was used to help develop this CRP.
May 2000	<u>Initiation of Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study</u> A remedial investigation was initiated to characterize the extent and movement of contamination, determine risks to human health and the environment and select appropriate actions to reduce risks posed by the site.



### **3.0 COMMUNITY BACKGROUND**

The following sections provide background information about the Borough of South Plainfield, where the site is located, history of involvement of the community with the site, and issues of importance identified by interviewed community members.

#### **3.1 Community Profile**

General profiles of Middlesex County and South Plainfield are offered below <sup>2</sup>.

##### **3.1.1 Middlesex County**

Middlesex County is located in central New Jersey and stretches from the Rahway River south to Mercer and Monmouth Counties and from Raritan Bay on the Atlantic Ocean west to Somerset County. The county is 318 square miles in size, has 25 municipalities and includes extensive industrial, office and residential areas. The County is reported to be one of the fastest growing counties in the state, having an estimated population increase between 1980 and 1990 of 76,095 persons.

The County is governed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, a seven-member elected body. The Freeholders are elected to staggered three-year terms by Middlesex County voters at-large in the November election.

##### **3.1.2 South Plainfield Borough**

South Plainfield Borough is situated in the northern section of Middlesex County, approximately 26 miles southwest of New York City and 60 miles northeast of Philadelphia. The Borough has an area of approximately eight square miles and a population of more than 22,000.

Since its incorporation in 1926, South Plainfield has grown from a predominantly rural town with a few small businesses and industries to host hundreds of commercial enterprises. The Borough is serviced by a 56-person police department, volunteer fire company and first aid squad and maintains

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<sup>2</sup> Information about Middlesex County and South Plainfield appearing in this section was obtained from the Middlesex County and Piscataway/Middlesex/South Plainfield Chamber of Commerce web sites (<http://co.middlesex.nj.us> and <http://www.pmcoc.org>).

Direct involvement of the community by the EPA began after the site was referred to the Agency and initial sampling results were evaluated. Informal discussions were held with business owners prior to sampling the interiors of the buildings on site in March 1997.

Public availability sessions for the project were held at the South Plainfield Municipal Building in June and August of 1997. The meetings offered local residents and other interested parties opportunities to have questions answered regarding the project. Information regarding the planned sampling of residential properties was provided at the meeting.

Prior to conducting work off site, the EPA met individually with certain residents and business owners outside the site boundaries to request access for sampling, and in some cases to undertake removal actions to replace contaminated soil or clean home interiors. These individuals were kept up-to-date on EPA activities through personal contact and correspondence that provided information about the sampling and cleanup activities and results.

A press event announcing an interim fish consumption advisory was held at New Market Pond in August 1997 and attended by officials of the EPA and the NJDEP. Signs were posted at New Market Pond and other fishing areas, warning the public not to consume fish from the entire length of the Bound Brook including the New Market Pond.

Area newspapers, predominantly the *Home News Tribune*, as well as the *Courier News* and *Star-Ledger*, have published articles about the site on several occasions since 1997. Coverage of issues in the newspapers has included the initial sampling results, removal actions, the fish consumption advisory, public availability sessions, work progress, and, most recently, a class action lawsuit filed against Cornell-Dubilier Electronics by area residents.

A mailing list for the site was established prior to removal action efforts. In addition to local public officials and representatives, the list presently includes individuals identified based on interest expressed in the site, proximity to the site, and participation in initial assessments or removal actions. Fact sheets published in June 1997 and April 1998 were distributed to individuals on the mailing list

Those interviewed included four residents whose properties were included in initial sampling events or removal actions, two residents whose properties were not included in the initial work, two business owners in Hamilton Industrial Park and a representative of the Edison Wetlands Association. Representatives interviewed from public agencies included the South Plainfield Council President, South Plainfield Council Member, South Plainfield Borough Environmental Specialist, Middlesex County Public Health Officer, South Plainfield Environmental Commission Chairman, and the Community Services Director representing the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey.

The interviewed participants were asked to describe their knowledge of the site, questions or concerns they have about the site, and ways they would like to be involved in EPA activities in the future. Respondents were interviewed using a semi-structured questionnaire consisting of 16 questions with an opportunity for additional comments. During the interviews, some respondents had specific site-related concerns or questions or statements that were noted. Responses to these concerns/statements may be prepared specifically for these individuals, or addressed through fact sheets, newsletters, or news releases.

### **3.3.2 Current Community Concerns**

Key information obtained during the interviews can be summarized as follows:

- Knowledge of the site's history and proposed cleanup varied significantly among the group of respondents. State and local officials and the Edison Wetlands Association were very aware of the project and were familiar with the Superfund process. Several business owners in Hamilton Industrial Park were aware of the project but were not aware that additional work will be conducted. Residents whose properties were not included in the prior removal action had limited knowledge of the site and work conducted in the neighborhood, but were generally aware of an environmental concern associated with the site.
- Respondents, particularly local officials, clearly indicated the need for greater interaction between the EPA and the stakeholders to ensure better dissemination of information. Local officials, including the South Plainfield Environmental Commission Chairman and Environmental Specialist stressed the need to be informed on a continuous basis. Specific areas of interest for updates include new findings, cleanup schedule, and progress (milestones, or at least monthly updates).

newspaper articles. Residents not located in the immediate vicinity of the site but rather downstream of Bound Brook in the floodplain areas, were generally not aware of the site.

The business owners at the Hamilton Industrial Park felt well informed regarding the work that was performed at the site during the removal action, but were not aware that additional work needed to be conducted at the site.

#### **Need for Information About the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Site and the Superfund Process**

Most of the respondents indicated the need for better dissemination of information, particularly officials representing the South Plainfield Borough Environmental Commission and the Executive Director of the Edison Wetlands Association. Some local officials expressed disappointment about not receiving updates about the project and having to “get the information secondhand from the Edison Wetlands Association.”

All residents and business owners who were interviewed stated that they were pleased with communication from the EPA and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry during the removal actions. The Executive Director of Edison Wetlands Association concurred. Residents were appreciative of the EPA’s efforts to return calls, accommodate concerns and readily provide information.

The Executive Director of the Edison Wetlands Association expressed concern that the public at large may not be aware of opportunities to comment on investigative and remedial planning documents from the various agencies involved. He asked whether the EPA plans on issuing news releases to inform the public of the availability of information and of comment periods. He also suggested that the EPA continue to meet with the community as issues arise or at a minimum of every four-to-six months. The Executive Director requested that the EPA send him as much information as is available for the project.

Local and state representatives expressed interest in ensuring protection of the health of residents and Hamilton Industrial Park employees and noted that property owners were concerned about property values. Council members also expressed interest and/or concern in the class-action law suit and whether Roosevelt School property may have been impacted by the site. They also noted that community service cleanings of stream ways, which had included Bound Brook, have been discontinued.

Local officials and health and environmental representatives each inquired about the status of the “Dismal Swamp” site where discarded transformers were recently identified, and asked whether the swamp site will be managed under the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics site program.

South Plainfield environmental officials and the Executive Director of Edison Wetlands Association expressed concern about the length of time likely required to clean up the site but stated that they understood why the process takes time. These groups also expressed concern that the fish-advisory postings may not be effective in preventing people from consuming fish. Council members suggested that the South Plainfield Director of Recreation be contacted about a means to promote adherence to the advisory.

The South Plainfield Environmental Specialist and Environmental Commission Chairman expressed additional concerns regarding potential effects upon residents, the quality of groundwater, particularly with regard to use of private wells, the timeliness of the ecological assessment, the effectiveness of the interim measures in containing site-related contamination, and the migration of contaminants off site.

The Executive Director of Edison Wetlands Association expressed concern that the removal actions have been “emergency and peripheral” and that the site-related contamination is not contained.

## **4.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM**

### **4.1 Purpose of the Community Relations Program**

The community relations program is designed to provide opportunities for the community to work with EPA while investigations and cleanup actions are implemented at the site. The community relations program will focus on ensuring two-way communication between EPA and the community and keeping the community informed of technical progress at the site.

### **4.2 Goals of the Community Relations Program**

The community relations program for the site will:

- Provide local officials, residents, and the media with accurate, timely, and understandable information.
- Provide for an open dialogue between EPA and the public on site-related remediation issues.
- Provide avenues for public participation in the decision-making process related to remediation of the site.
- Notify local officials, residents, and businesses about field work being planned in their municipality or near their property before work begins.
- Seek to increase the level of understanding in the community with regard to the Superfund process, the roles of the various government agencies involved, and the site investigation and remediation plans.
- Involve the community in decisions regarding site-related activities whenever possible.

### **4.3 Identified Stakeholder Groups**

Based on information gathered during the removal actions and EPA's recent interviews, at least eight stakeholder groups were identified for involvement. These stakeholder groups include:

- Residents living and/or working near the site, including those downstream along Bound Brook.

#### **4.4.2 Establish and Maintain an Information Repository and Administrative Record**

To ensure program-specific information is available to interested community members, the EPA will establish an information repository in a central location that is open to the public after business hours. The information repository will contain the key technical documents produced for the site; a copy of this CRP; and all public information (e.g., fact sheets) that pertain to environmental cleanup activity at the site. As new documents become available, they will be added to the repository. Copies of the Administrative Record, which contains all the documents and correspondence that pertain to the decision-making process at the site, will be maintained at both the information repository and the EPA Region 2 office.

The South Plainfield Public Library will be the location for the Information Repository. The library is located in the same plaza as the South Plainfield municipal offices. The library has already cataloged the public comment release of the Public Health Assessment prepared by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and has displayed a fact sheet prepared by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

The location of the library and business hours are as follows:

##### **Address:**

South Plainfield Public Library  
2484 Plainfield Avenue  
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080  
(908) 754-7885

Contact: Ms. Sunnie Fenn  
Library Director

##### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday	10 am to 9 pm
Tuesday	10 am to 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am to 9 pm
Thursday	10 am to 9 pm
Friday	10 am to 6 pm
Saturday	9 am to 5 pm
(July and Aug. -	9:30 am to 1:00 pm)
Sunday	1:30 am to 5 pm (except July, Aug.)

*Tribune* has published several articles about the site since 1997. Public notices of upcoming public hearings and comment periods will be placed in the *Reporter* and *South Plainfield Observer*, since these newspapers are local. Important events at the site, such as the start of the field investigation, will be announced in press releases. Each release will be distributed to the main area news media. The release may be supplemented by a news conference on site or off-site, as appropriate.

#### **4.4.6 Hold a Comment Period and Public Meeting**

Opportunities for public participation in the decision-making process at a Superfund site are built into the Federal Superfund Program. EPA will seek to enhance these opportunities by encouraging the public to participate in the comment period on technical documents and cleanup plans for the site. EPA will take public comments into account in selecting and conducting the remedial action.

As described earlier, at decision-making points in the cleanup process, EPA is required by Superfund to hold a public comment period. During the comment period, community members have an opportunity to voice their support for or voice their concerns about activities planned for the site, either verbally at the public meeting or in writing. EPA is required to consider public comments when preparing the ROD. Actions described in the Proposed Plan may be modified in the ROD to address the concerns of community members, or explanations for leaving actions unchanged must be provided.

#### **4.4.7 Conduct Informal Information Sessions and Make Other Personal Contacts**

EPA will hold one-on-one or small group meetings with residents, local officials, and other interested groups at locations convenient to all parties. EPA plans to hold an information session for people receiving Request for Access Agreements. EPA also will hold information sessions at the beginning of field work. The need for additional sessions will be determined through periodic conversations with community representatives. EPA also will offer to make presentations at regularly scheduled meetings, such as Council meetings or meetings of organized groups in the area. Information sessions with businesses at Hamilton Industrial Park will be attended by a bilingual (English/Spanish speaking) representative of the EPA in order to ensure effective communication with workers who speak only Spanish.



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Table 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Community Relations Activities</b></p>	
<b>Technical Milestones</b>	<b>Community Relations Activities</b>
<b>1. Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study</b>	<p><i>Required Activities (CERCLA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish and maintain an information repository containing technical information, fact sheets, and other site-related documents</li> <li>• Establish Administrative Record</li> <li>• Conduct community interviews and prepare a Community Relations Plan</li> <li>• Designate a spokesperson to handle inquiries from the public</li> <li>• Publicize availability of Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)</li> </ul> <p><i>Additional Proposed Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and update a mailing list of interested people.</li> <li>• Meet with local reporters to inform them about the site.</li> <li>• Offer presentations on site activities to officials, residents, and community groups.</li> <li>• Provide monthly updates to South Plainfield officials.</li> <li>• Distribute fact sheets to people on the mailing list.</li> <li>• Hold public availability sessions, as needed.</li> <li>• Evaluate the utility of posting information on the South Plainfield Borough Web Site.</li> <li>• Evaluate additional means of communicating fishing advisory information, such as through newsletters or events hosted by the South Plainfield and/or Piscataway recreation groups.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Completion of Proposed Plan</b>	<p><i>Required Activities (CERCLA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publish a notice about the availability of the RI/FS and the Proposed Plan in a major local newspaper</li> <li>• Provide a 30-day public comment period on the Proposed Plan</li> <li>• Hold a public meeting</li> <li>• Prepare a transcript of the public meeting</li> <li>• Update the information repositories with the Proposed Plan</li> </ul> <p><i>Additional Proposed Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefings of the Proposed Plan for residents, officials, and community groups, as needed.</li> <li>• Provide monthly updates to South Plainfield officials.</li> <li>• Distribute Proposed Plan to citizens on the mailing list</li> <li>• Distribute a press release to the local media.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Signing of Record of Decision</b>	<p><i>Required Activities (CERCLA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a Responsiveness Summary</li> <li>• Publish a notice in a major local newspaper announcing the Record of Decision signing and the final decision on the remedial alternative</li> <li>• Update information repositories with the Record of Decision, which will include the Responsiveness Summary</li> <li>• Re-evaluate community interest and revise the Community Relations Plan if needed</li> </ul> <p><i>Additional Proposed Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a briefing for residents, officials, and community groups.</li> <li>• Provide monthly updates to South Plainfield officials.</li> <li>• Distribute a press release to the local media.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Remedial Design and Remedial Action</b>	<p><i>Required Activities (CERCLA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify the public if the remedial action in the Record of Decision changes significantly</li> </ul> <p><i>Additional Proposed Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct briefings for residents, officials, and community groups.</li> <li>• Provide monthly updates to South Plainfield officials.</li> <li>• Distribute a fact sheet describing upcoming site activities.</li> </ul>

**APPENDIX A**

**LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

## **Appendix A – List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**

The following acronyms and abbreviations are used in this document.

CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (also known as Superfund)
CRP	Community Relations Plan
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NPL	National Priorities List
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls
RI/FS	Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
ROD	Record of Decision
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
TAG	Technical Assistance Grant
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

## **APPENDIX B**

### **GLOSSARY**

## **Appendix B – Glossary**

### **Administrative Record**

Body of documents that form the basis for EPA's selection of a particular remedial response at a specific site (as set forth in the **Record of Decision**).

### **Comment Period**

A time during which the public can review and comment on various documents and EPA actions. For example, a comment period is provided when EPA proposes to add sites to the **National Priorities List**.

### **Community Relations Plan (CRP)**

The Community Relations Plan outlines specific community relations activities that will occur during the removal and remedial responses at a site. The Community Relations Plan also outlines how the public will be kept informed of work at the site and the ways in which citizens can review and comment on decisions that may affect the final site actions. The Community Relations Plan document is typically placed in the information repository(ies) established for the site.

### **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)**

Also known as **Superfund**, this law authorizes the federal government to respond directly to releases of hazardous substances that may endanger public health or the environment. EPA is responsible for managing Superfund.

### **Groundwater**

The supply of fresh water found beneath the Earth's surface (usually in aquifers) which is often used for supplying wells and springs.

### **Hazardous Waste**

Wastes exhibiting any of the following characteristics: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity. EPA and the State of New Jersey also have listed as hazardous other wastes that do not necessarily exhibit these characteristics. Although the legal definition of hazardous waste is complex, the term

EPA requires potentially responsible parties, through administrative and legal actions, to clean up **hazardous waste** sites they have contaminated.

### **Proposed Plan**

A public participation requirement of the **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)** in which EPA summarizes for the public the preferred cleanup strategy, the rationale for the preference, reviews the alternatives presented in the detailed analysis of the **Feasibility Study**, and presents any waivers to cleanup standards which may be proposed. The Proposed Plan actively solicits public review and comment on all alternatives under consideration by EPA.

### **Record of Decision (ROD)**

A document outlining the steps taken to arrive at a final cleanup decision for a hazardous waste site. The ROD is based on information and technical analysis generated during the **Remedial Investigation** and **Feasibility Study** and consideration of public comments and community concerns. All comments received in writing, or expressed orally at a public hearing, during the public comment period are summarized responded to in a formal manner in a **Responsiveness Summary** section of the ROD.

### **Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study**

An two-part investigation conducted to fully assess the nature and extent of the release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants, and to identify alternatives for remediation. The RI gathers the necessary data to support the corresponding **FS**.

### **Remediation or Remedial Action**

A series of steps taken to construct or implement a remedy that will reduce or eliminate risks to human health and the environment posed by a Superfund site.

### **Responsiveness Summary**

A summary of oral and written public comments received during formal public comment periods on key documents such as the **Remedial Investigation** and **Feasibility Study** reports, and the formal responses to these comments. The Responsiveness Summary is especially valuable during the

### **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)**

VOCs are carbon-containing (organic) compounds that evaporate (volatilize) at room temperature. They include light alcohols, acetone, TCE, PCE, perchloroethylene, dichloroethylene, benzene, vinyl chloride, toluene, and methylene chloride. These potentially toxic chemicals are used as solvents, degreasers, paints, thinners, and fuels. Because of their volatile nature, they readily evaporate into the air, increasing the potential exposure to humans. Due to their environmental persistence and wide-spread industrial use, they are commonly found in soil and groundwater.

**APPENDIX C**

**INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF THIS PLAN**



## **Appendix C - Individuals Interviewed for the Preparation of this Plan**

This CRP is based on personal interviews conducted between April 26, 2000 and April 28, 2000 and telephone interviews conducted between April 12, 2000 and May 5, 2000. The following people were interviewed:

### ***Individuals***

- Six residents not affiliated with a community organization were interviewed and one resident provided comments by telephone.
- One business representative operating within Hamilton Industrial Park was interviewed and two business representatives operating within Hamilton Industrial Park offered comments via telephone.

### ***Public Agency and Community Organization Representatives***

#### **South Plainfield Borough**

- James Vokral, Council President
- Ed Kubala, Councilman
- Alice Temple, Environmental Specialist

#### **South Plainfield Environmental Commission**

- Larry Randolph, Chair

#### **U.S. Representative, Seventh Congressional District**

- Barbara Ballard, Community Services Director

#### **Middlesex County Health Department**

- Michael Bonk, Health Officer

#### **Edison Wetlands Association**

- Robert Spiegel, Executive Director

**APPENDIX D**  
**LIST OF KEY CONTACTS**

## **Appendix D – List of Key Contacts**

### **Federal Elected Officials**

Robert G. Torricelli, Senator  
1 Riverfront Plaza, Newark, NJ 07102 (973) 624-5555  
113 Dirksen Senate Bldg., Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-8567

Frank Lautenberg, Senator  
1 Newark Center, 14th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102 (973) 645-3030  
506 Senate Hart Bldg., Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-4744

Robert Franks, Member of Congress, Seventh Congressional District  
2333 Morris Avenue, Suite B-8, Union, NJ 07083 (908) 686-5576  
225 Cannon Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-5361

### **Federal Non-Elected Officials**

#### ***U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – New Jersey Remedial Branch***

Peter Mannino (212) 637-4395  
Project Manager Fax: (212) 637-4429  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
290 Broadway, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007-1866

Patricia Seppi (212) 637-3679  
Community Relations Coordinator Fax: (212) 637-4445  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
290 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007-1866

#### ***Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry***

Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (212) 637-4305  
Region 2  
290 Broadway, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007-1866

Ed Kubala, Councilman (908) 755-2442  
Raymond S. Petronko, Councilman (908) 756-2877  
Darlene Tedesco-Pinto, Councilwoman (908) 561-1517

Larry Randolph, Environmental Commission Chairperson (908) 754-2386  
Alice Temple, Environmental Specialist (908) 226-7621

South Plainfield Public Library  
2484 Plainfield Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
Ms. Sunnie Fenn  
Library Director (908) 754-7885

**Piscataway Township**  
Piscataway Township Municipal Building (732) 562-2300  
455 Hoes Lane  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Helen Merolla, Mayor  
Mark Hardenberg, Councilperson  
Brian C. Wahler, Councilperson  
Marc B. Leavitt, Councilperson  
James W. Stewart, Councilperson  
Rev. Kenneth Saunders, Councilperson  
Millie Scott, Councilperson  
Paul Abati, Councilperson  
Pat Procaccini, Chairperson, Environmental Advisory Commission

**Other Interested Parties**

Robert Spiegel, Executive Director (732) 661-9630 Edison  
Wetlands Association or (732) 661-1660  
PMB 180, 1115 Inman Ave.  
Edison, NJ 08820-1132

*(Note that several individuals have expressed an interest in receiving information about the site.  
The names of these individuals are on the mailing list maintained at the EPA office.)*

Coverage: Central New Jersey (Union/Middlesex)  
Language: English

*Home News Tribune* (732) 246-5500  
35 Kennedy Blvd.  
PO Box 1049  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Contact: John Loftus, Metro Editor (732) 246-7215  
Frequency: 7 days a week; Monday-Sunday  
Coverage: Central New Jersey  
Language: English

***Television***

WCBS TV News (973) 622-7295  
Newark, NJ 07102

WPIX Inc. (201) 617-1313  
700 Plaza Dr.  
Secaucus, NJ 07094

WWOR TV9 (201) 330-2183  
Union City, NJ 07087

***Radio***

WCTC-AM-1450 (908) 249-2600  
PO Box 100  
New Brunswick, NJ 08903

**APPENDIX E**

**LOCATIONS FOR INFORMATION REPOSITORY  
AND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

## **Appendix E - Locations for Information Repository and Public Meetings**

An information repository for the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site will be established at the South Plainfield Public Library. Public meetings and availability sessions will be held at the South Plainfield Municipal Building. Addresses and phone numbers for the Library and Municipal Building are provided below.

### ***Information Repository - South Plainfield Public Library***

The address of the library and business hours are as follows:

#### **Address:**

South Plainfield Public Library  
2484 Plainfield Avenue  
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080  
Ms. Sunnie Fenn  
Library Director  
(908) 754-7885

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday	10 am to 9 pm
Tuesday	10 am to 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am to 9 pm
Thursday	10 am to 9 pm
Friday	10 am to 6 pm
Saturday	9 am to 5 pm (July and Aug. - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm)
Sunday	1:30 am to 5 pm (except July, Aug.)

### ***Public Meeting and Availability Sessions - South Plainfield Municipal Building***

The South Plainfield Municipal Building is located at the following address:

Municipal Building  
2480 Plainfield Avenue  
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

(908) 754-9000